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AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 19, 2005

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring March 19, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. In a separate petition for extension of time, filed herewith, Applicant has requested and paid the \$450.00 large entity fee for securing a two-month extension of time for response, making this response due May 19, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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